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## Reasons for Rejection

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This application should be rejected due to the following reasons. Any opinions regarding this rejection should be filed as a written opinion within 60 days from the mailing date of this notice.

## Reason

Since the invention relating to the following claims could easily have been made, prior to the filing of this application, by a person with ordinary skill in the art to which the invention pertains, on the basis of an invention or inventions referred to in the following publications published in Japan or any foreign countries prior to the filing date of this application, a patent cannot be granted under Article 29 Paragraph 2, Japanese Patent Law.

## Remarks

(See the "List of References Cited" for the cited references and the like.)

• Regarding Claims 2 and 3 : Cited References 1-5

Cited Reference 1 does not specifically disclose "partial bonding". However, since Cited References 2-5 disclose that "partial bonding" shows superior effects for a sound absorbing structure, a person with ordinary skill in the art can easily apply a structure like this. Further, it cannot be said that the effects thereof are something special.

• Regarding Claim 1 : Cited References 1-5

Since Cited Reference 2 discloses that an unbonded state is preferable (that is, problems to be solved by the invention), a person with ordinary skill in the art can easily apply a state like this. Further, it cannot be said that the effects thereof are something special.

• Regarding Claims 4-9 : Cited References 1-5

Optimizing a bonding method, expressing a coefficient of water absorption in numeral and specifying a use are just demonstrations of ordinal creativity which a person with ordinary skill in the art has. Further, it cannot be said that the

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effects thereof are something special.

List of References Cited

1. Japanese Patent Unexamined Publication No. Hei. 10-182865
2. Japanese Patent Unexamined Publication No. Hei. 3-122366
3. Japanese Patent Unexamined Publication No. Hei. 10-205021
4. Microfilm of Japanese Utility Model Application No. Sho. 62-120145  
(Japanese Utility Model Unexamined Publication No. Hei. 1-26799)
5. Microfilm of Japanese Utility Model Application No. Sho. 61-167111  
(Japanese Utility Model Unexamined Publication No. Sho. 63-72033)

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Record of Result of Prior Art Search

· Searched Technical Field	IPC 7th Edition	B32B 1/00-35/00 E04B 1/74-1/90 F02B77/13 G10K11/16-11/178
	Name of Data Base	EPAT
· Prior Art Documents	None	

This Record of Result of Prior Art Search does not constitute any reasons for rejection.

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